73 children complained of headache, pain in abdomen and vomiting from the Indira Nagar Area of the Nagpur City, Maharashtra. They were examined at the outpatient department of the Mayo Hospital.

7 out of the 73 children were admitted for a day for observation and then discharged the next day.

(b) An inquiry was made to ascertain the reasons. The findings are as follows:-

1. Rotary club had organized the Vitamin A distribution in the Indira Nagar area of the Nagpur City, Maharashtra. Volunteers from the Rotary Club administered the Vitamin A with the cap of the bottle instead of the specified spoon. This led to over dose as the quantity administered was not measured and thus leading to complaints in children.

2. Since T-Shirts were distributed to children during the drive, some children consumed a repeat dose to get the T-shirt.

(c) Instructions have been issued to take proper care to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future while involving Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) during such campaigns. The volunteers should be trained properly regarding the technical aspects of Vitamin supplementation, precautions, adverse effects etc. NGOs have been directed not to give any gifts during such drives.

Promotion of Swadeshi

1466. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed policy regarding prioritization and promotion of Swadeshi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken or being taken for approaching Swadeshi-self promotion, which stress on self-reliance in the face of growing global competition during the current and next Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) continuously promotes 'Swadeshi' as one of the principal objectives in so far as khadi, village industry and coir products are concerned through its programmes and measures implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board.

The steps taken in this direction by the Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) include the implementation of the following schemes through KVIC and Coir Board, in the country:

(i) Schemes for development of Khadi and Polyvastra activities: For this purpose, Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) is issued in favour of implementing agencies for availing institutional finance to

meet working capital requirement of khadi and polyvastra activities at 4% rate of interest and the difference between 4% and actual lending rate is subsidized by KVIC. 10% rebate is provided on retail sales of Khadi/Polyvastra products as normal rebate throughout the year and another 10% special rebate for 108 days in the year.

(ii) Scheme of Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) has been launced in order to diversify and develop products under Khadi and Village Industries and also to improve the packaging of the various KVI products.

(iii) Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) has been launched in October, 2005 for regeneration of traditional industries in 122 identified clusters in khadi, village industries and coir sectors.

(iv) A Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) scheme is in vogue for providing common facility services to KVI programmes on a cluster based manner.

(v) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is being implemented for establishing village industries projects with margin money assistance from KVIC and loan from public sector scheduled commercial banks.

(vi) Mahila Coir Yojana, Development of Production Infrastructure and Domestic/Export Market Development Assistance are some of the programmes under implementation in coir sector through Coir Board.

(vii) Development of Production Infrastructure Scheme for coir production through supply of equipment and machinery at subsidised rates.

(viii) Research and Development Schemes.

(ix) Financial assistance for participation in national and international exhibitions.

New welfare scheme for weavers

†1467. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating welfare schemes for economically weaker weavers;

(b) whether there is a proposal to formulate some new welfare schemes for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.